

REMARKS

Claims 55 to 57 as amended are present for prosecution.

Applicants affirm their election of Group I Claims 55 to 57, and the species of Example 3, where R⁵ is as defined where Q is CH; A is O; each of R^{2a}, R^{2b} and R^{2c} is H; R¹ is methyl; R² is H; X is CH; m is 1; x is 2; n is 1; and PG is methyl.

Applicants submit that PG should not be limited to methyl. PG in Claim 55 should be as defined in Claim 56, namely as methyl, ethyl or t-butyl. The same search would cover elected amino ester (a) compounds and where PG is defined as methyl, ethyl or t-butyl. Thus, it would not be an undue hardship to define PG in Claim 55 as in Claim 56.

Claims 55, 56 and 57 have been amended to delete all non-elected subject matter.

Claim 55 has been amended to define PG as in Claim 56 as suggested by the Examiner.

The Examiner indicates that Claims 56 and 57 would be allowable if limited to the elected invention: These claims have been so amended.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that Claims 55 to 57 are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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